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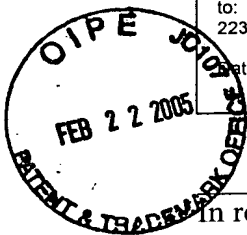
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Kazuhiko Yamanouchi, et al.

Application No.: 09/826,626

Group Art Unit: 2631

Filed: April 5, 2001

Examiner: BETSY L. DEPPE

For: SPREAD SPECTRUM SIGNAL PROCESSING  
APPARATUS AND SPREAD SPECTRUM  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Docket No.: M9885.0009/P009

Date: February 22, 2005

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

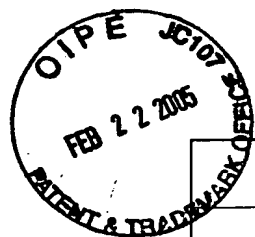
In reference to the Office action dated November 22, 2004, applicants respectfully request that the following amendments and remarks be entered in the above-identified U.S. patent application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 14 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 17 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 18 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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Total Claims		- 20 =		x	
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